REM81.「Two Walls」

WE'RE FINE! ICHIMA-CHAN SAVED US HERSELF!
SHE USED SOME AWESOME POWER AND WENT TOE-TO-TOE WITH IT!
RIGHT, ICHIMA-CHAN?
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU-
I SAW YOU RUNNING WHILE HOLDING ALL 3 OF THEM... I'M IMPRESSED
I KNOW, RIGHT? I'M HALF-EXPECTING TO GET SCOUTED FOR A TRACK SCHOLARSHIP NOW
KEN ONII-CHAN! WHERE'S ICHIMA-CHAN?
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ICHIMA-CHAN!
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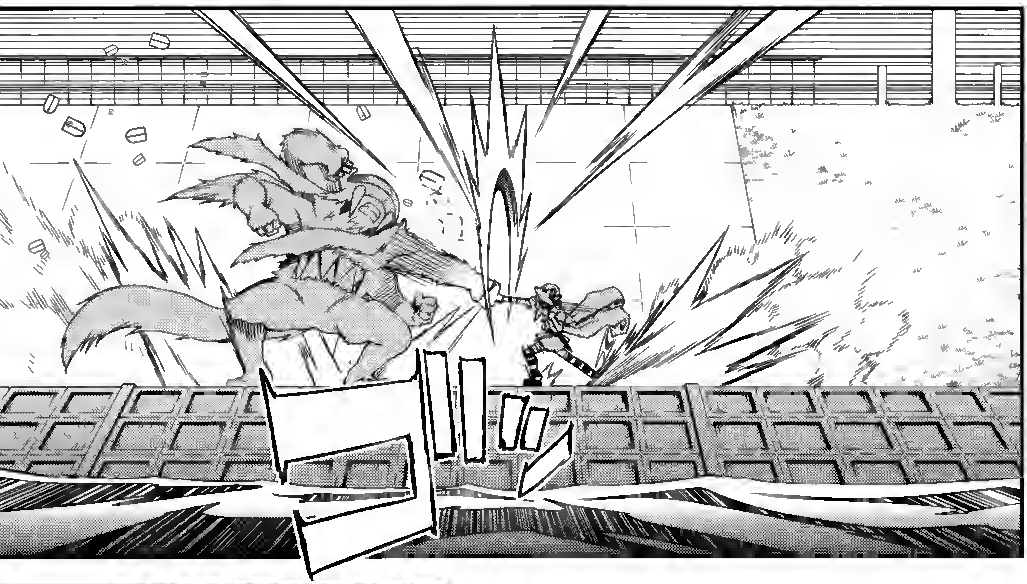
SHE TRIPPED ON HERSELF AGAIN!

...MERRY,
WHY DO YOU KEEP LOOKING AT ICHIMA-CHAN SO SCARILY?
...DO YOU ALREADY KNOW HER FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE, BY ANY CHANCE?

WELL...
MINATO!
WATCH OUT!!

HE GOT BACK UP!!
HE LOOKS WOBBLY, BUT HE'S UP!
GET BACK!
YUMEJI! KEEP THE KIDS SAFE FOR ME!!
C'MERE, YOU TWO!



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YOU BITCH... YOU'RE NOT JUST ANY NIGHTMARE, ARE YOU?
I HAVE NO BUSINESS WITH YOU! MY BELLY'S EMPTY, THAT'S ALL!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!!
"SHEEP?"
NO... YOU'RE THE "GATE-KEEPER?!"
SORRY, I CAN'T LET YOU PAST ME.
MY NAME AS THE "SHEEP" AND "YUMEKUI" RIDES ON IT.

MY JOB IS TO "WAKE" REALITY FROM BAD DREAMS LIKE YOU.
SO I WON'T LET YOU
TAKE ONE MORE STEP NEAR THEM!!

SH-SHUT UP! I JUST FORGOT TO BRING THEM WITH ME TODAY!
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HMMPH.
YOU CALL YOURSELF THE "GATEKEEPER" AND DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY KEYS. ARE YOU JOKING?

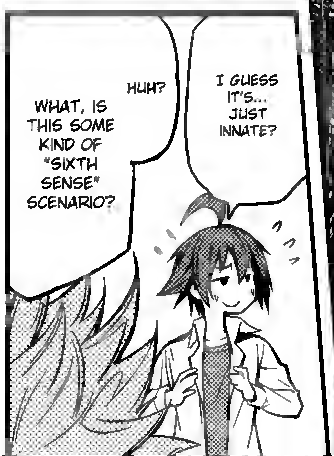
...NIGHTMARE?
WAIT, SO YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT THIS MONSTER, MERRY, AND EVEN ICHIMA-
THEY ALL CAME FROM THE WORLD OF DREAMS?!
HAHA!
HAH-
A DREAM WORLD!
WHAT A STORY!!
...WE'RE SERIOUS.
I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT-

THAT EXPLANATION JUST SOUNDED SO FITTING, I HAD TO LAUGH.
OKAY, SORRY.
I BELIEVE YOU.
IN A SENSE, I GUESS I WAS RIGHT ON THE MONEY.
I WAS WONDERING IF THIS WAS ALL A DREAM...
SHOW YOURSELF!!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
WHO'S THAT?!
!?
INDEED. FURTHERMORE, IT IS WE WHO FIGHT AGAINST THE NIGHTMARES INVADING THIS WORLD.
WE AIM TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH OF WHY THIS IS HAPPENING TO REALITY.

MY NAME IS CHASER JOHN DOE
UP HERE.
A TALKING CAT!!
WITH A GENTLEMAN'S VOICE!!
EVERYONE REACTS THE SAME WAY.
WITH WHAT YOU JUST EXPERIENCED, A TALKING CAT SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE TO YOU.
OKAY, I THINK I'VE GOT THE GIST OF WHAT'S GOING ON.
SO WHY IS IT THAT IT'S ONLY YOU GUYS AND OURSELVES WHO CAN SEE THE NIGHTMARES, THEN?

UH..
SHOULD I TELL THEM...?

AND I'LL STUFF YOU IN MY KOKESHI!
TELL THEM ANYTHING


WHAT, IS THIS SOME KIND OF "SIXTH SENSE" SCENARIO?
HUH?
I GUESS IT'S... JUST INNATE?

KEYS OR NO KEYS, I CAN EASILY BEAT HIM!
THIS GUY'S STRONG, BUT HIS MOVEMENTS ARE SLOW!
YOU'RE A SLIPPERY ONE...
I DON'T WANT TO USE MUCH POWER SINCE I'M RUNNING ON EMPTY, BUT..
YOU'RE A PAIN IN THE ASS.

JEEZ... SO I'M THE ONLY POWERLESS ONE HERE!
ICE...?!
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MY NAME IS HRIMTHURS, THE ICE WALL.
I'LL KEEP YOU ON ICE AND SNACK ON YOU 10,000 YEARS FROM NOW!
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JOHN!
HEY! DUDE, YOUR PARTNER'S ABOUT TO BITE IT!!
COME!
ALBIREO!!

LITTLE CHASER STAR RANK 3☆ ALBIREO, AT YOUR SERVICE!
IT'LL BE A ROUGH FIRST DAY ON THE JOB FOR THIS KITTY-NYA!

MY LEG!
CRAP...

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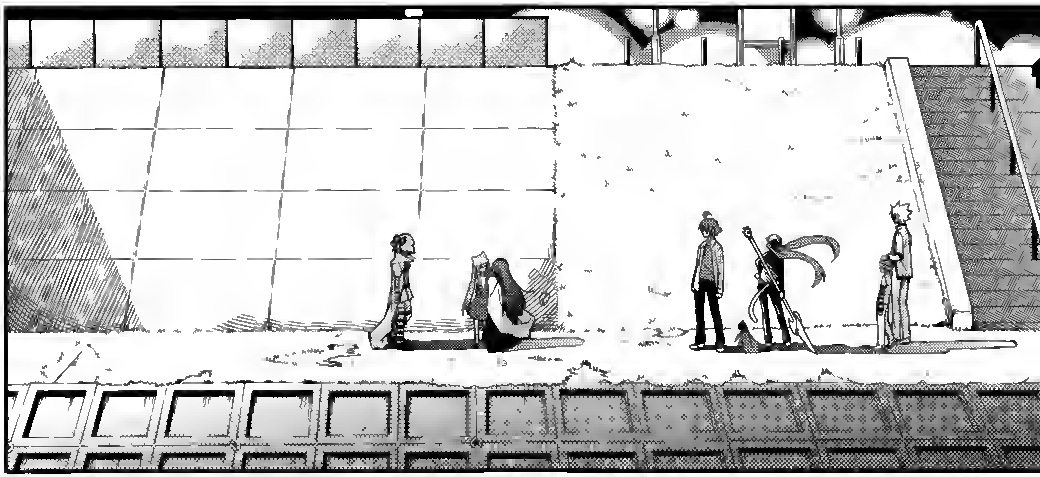
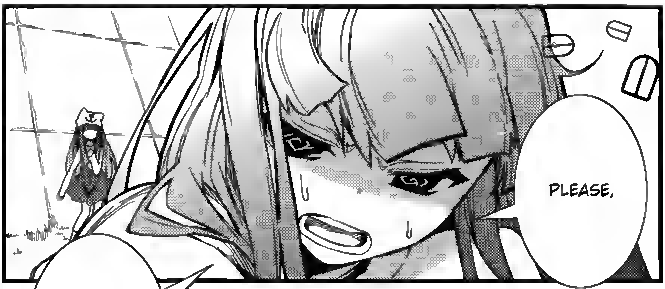
I'M TOLD THAT MY TRAVEL EXPENSES ARE ON YOU TODAY, GATEKEEPER-NYA.
IS YOUR BOSS SERIOUSLY SUCH A CHEAPSKATE?
GRR... NOW THERE'S ANOTHER ONE IN MY WAY!
I'VE MEMORIZED YOUR FACES AND SCENTS!
JUST YOU WAIT! YOU'LL BE IN MY BELLY SOON, COUNT ON IT!

AH— HOLD IT RIGHT THERE— NYA!!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY—



SO WHY WERE YOU WITH MINATO?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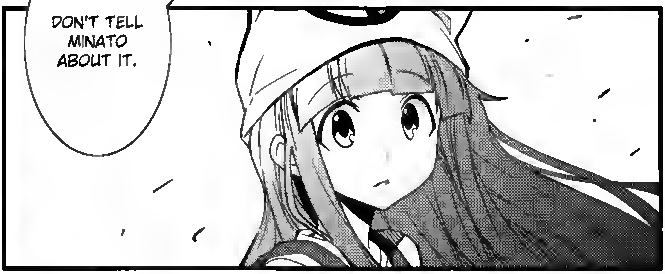
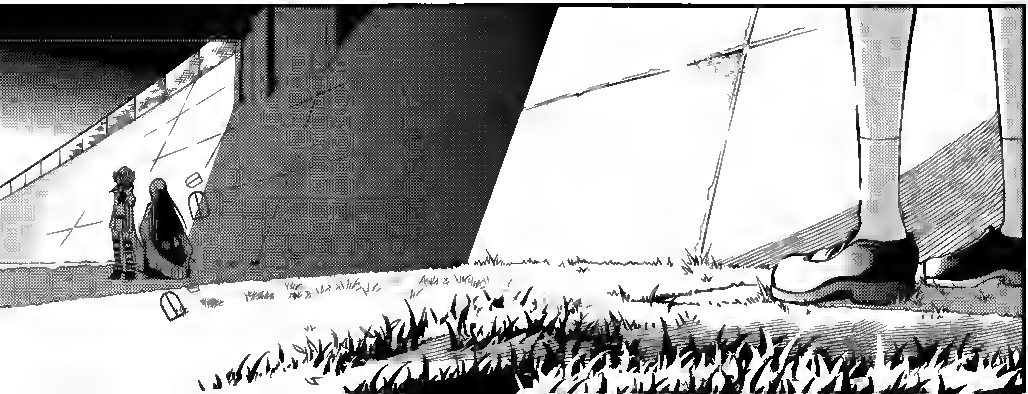
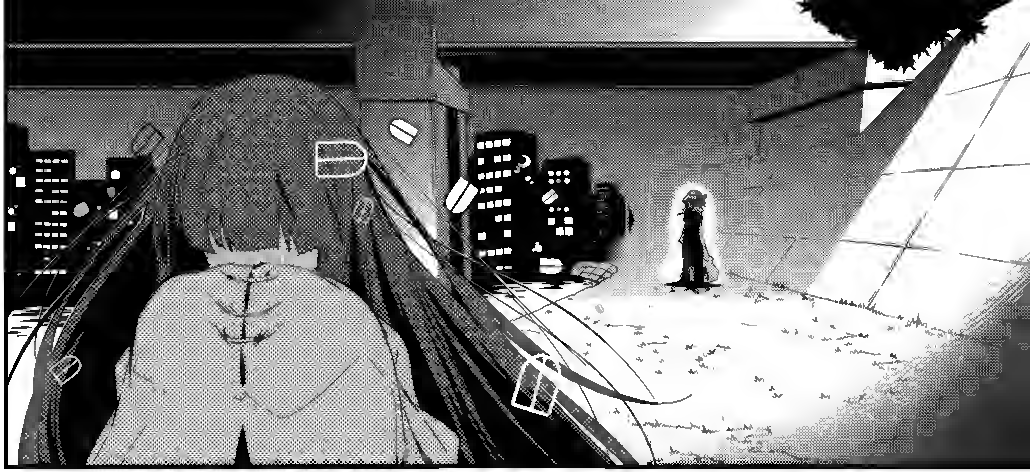
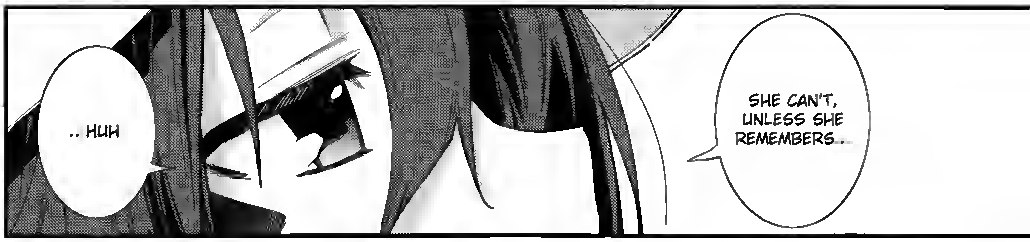

DON'T TELL MINATO ABOUT IT.



I EXIST TO SHOW PEOPLE LONELY DREAMS.
. . BUT I WOUND UP DOING MUCH MORE THAN THAT, MINATO.
I USED MINATO TO COME TO REALITY BEFORE.
...KINDA.
YUMEJI ONII-CHAN, ARE YOU AND MERRY FRIENDS WITH ICHIMA-CHAN?
WHAT COULD THEY BE TALKING ABOUT...?

IF YOU THINK YOU'VE DONE HER WRONG, THEN APOLOGIZE TO HER RIGHT AWAY.
BE A REAL FRIEND TO HER.
SHE'S SUCH A SCAREDY-CAT, BUT SHE DID IT ANYWAY.
HEHEH.
BUT MINATO CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT I DID,
AND EVEN CALLED ME HER FRIEND.
. I CAN'T APOLOGIZE TO HER IF SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER IT.
BUT...
I DON'T WANT HER TO REMEMBER EITHER.
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.
OH, WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DO THAT-NYA.
SOR-RIES!
HEY, SWEET-HEART. ANY CHANCE I COULD GET YOUR NUMBER-

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SHE CAN'T, UNLESS SHE REMEMBERS..

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